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A MESSAGE

FROM

The King of Scots :

AND

The full and perfect Relation of His safe arrivall at *Paris* in *France* : the manner of his Royall Entertainment ; And his Speech to the King and Councel, concerning the Parliament of *England*, and the Lord General *Cromwel* and his Army.

ALSO,

The manner of His Escape, and how himself, and the Lord *Wilmot*, quitted their horses, and on their second Dayes march from *Worcester* betook themselves into a tree ; the third Day into a Wood ; and immediately after for *London*, where he staid three Weeks, and from thence, took shipping in a Dutch Barque, as a servant to the Lord *Wilmot*.

Whereunto is annexed,

Captain *Hind's* Progress : And the Description of his manner and course of life : Relating the several Robberies by him committed ; and the strange Escapes he hath made upon several occasions : and how he first learnt his *Art* under one Bishop *Allen* : How he rob'd a Captain of a Troop of horse : How he rob'd a Gentleman in *Hide-park* : How he rob'd a *Vintner* and two Bailies : How he served a Com^{itee} man, who went disguised for fear of robbing : How he nearly rob'd a Parlon of forty pounds in Gold, which he had hid in the collar of his Dublet : With divers other delightful Passages, affording great store of Mirth and Pleasure.

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*The manner of the Scots Kings escape, and how he
landed at Paris.*

HE came hither on *Monday* the last of *October*, and made his escape as followeth.

About 6. a clock in the evening, his Army being in all likelihood beaten, he quitted *Worcester Town* with a party of Horse, and marched towards *Lancashire*, but being fearful of being pursued: and likewise of some of the Scotch Officers that might deliver him up, he with my Lord *Wilmot* quitted their Horses, sent the party of Horse upon their march, and betook themselves the second dayes march from *Worcester* into a Tree, where they remained until night, and then marched on foot that night: The third day they took Sanctuary in a Wood, and night approaching, marched on towards *Lancashire*, where they were received by a Lady, who furnished them with a Disguise, and cut off their hair very short. Having reposed 2 or 3 dayes, the Lady resolved to endeavour to ship them out of *England*: To which purpose, she riding behind the King and *Wilmot* as another Servant by, they went to *Bristol*; but finding a narrow and hot enquiry there, resolved to go for *London* where they staid 3 weeks.

The King one day went into *Westminster-Hall*, where he saith, he saw the *States Armes*, and *Scotch Colours*. My Lord *Wilmot* procured a Merchant to hire a Ship of 40 Tuns to transport them, which cost them 120*l*. but where they took shipping is not yet known: but as soone as my Lord was entered the Barque, and the King as his Servant, the Master of the Vessel came to my Lord, and told him, That he knew the King, and told him, that in case it should be known, he could expect no mercy; which saying troubled them. But at length, what with money and promises, they prevailed, and so set sail for *Havre de Grace*, where they landed; and from thence to *Rouen*, where they clothed themselves, and writ to *Paris*. His arrival there will put them to new Councils, since now they cannot send their Ambassadors, which was concluded on before his coming. The Duke of *Orleans* fetched him into the Town, and bestowed much as to serve him. Yesterday he, with *Thurænne*, *Beaufort*, the Duke of *Guise* came to him to the *Louvre*, where the King told them, that they should endeavour to reconcile the breach between the Prince & the King of *France*; for, said he, to my knowledge, the *English* will visit you with

an Army in the Spring. They seemed much to slight the power of *England*, as to trouble them ashore; but acknowledged that at Sea they were much too strong for them. *Ormond* and *Inchiquin* are sent for from *Gaen*, My Lord *Taffe* from *Holland*, who hath been treating with *Lorrain* to undertake the business of *Ireland*, which is all agreed on, if the King will consent that *Lorrain* shall have the title of Protector, and the Town of *Limerick*, a cautionary Garrison for his Souldiers. Upon these conditions he hath undertaken to land 6000 Horse and Foot before *Christmas* in *Ireland*. *Taffe* hath already received 10000 Pistolls, and about 14 dayes since a small Vessel was sent to *Limerick*, to assure them of assistance. Some are of opinion that the King shall suddenly make a Marriage with *Mademoiselle*, the Queen having treated much about it of late.

The Scots King told the Council at *Paris*, what hapned at the Council at Worcester, gave some reproachful words against the Scots, put some scurrilous language on the Presbyterian party in *England*, and boasted much of his own valour.

Told them how he slept out of *Worcester*, and how near he was taking there, first in the Fort, and after in his Chamber.

How he disguised himself, and went from County to County, and what shift he made for Victualls and Lodging. He sometimes being driven to begg a peece of Bread and Meat, and ride with Bread in one hand, and Meat in the other.

*Captain Hind's Progress; And a Relation of his several
Robberies, And how he first learnt this Art under
one Bishop Allen.*

ALL men if they learn an Art serve some time to it, as *Hind* did to one *Allen*, who named himself *Lord Bishop of Durham*, or of some other place, as his business lay. This *Allen* was once a tradesman in *London*, but trading failing, sold his stock to set up another trade: so he bought a Coach and 4 horses, and had 6 men to wait on him in Livery cloaks, with a Gentleman-usher: he habited himself in a Russa square cap, lawn sleeves, and his long Gown: So riding in this state they did many Robberies undiscovered; for when any Gentleman rode their way, they would leave their cloaks in the coach, and do a Robbery, and then put their booty into the coach, and get their Livery cloaks on their backs; if any *hue-and-cry* came after them they would never distress any of the Bishops men: so when they came to any Inn, the Bishop was honoured, for his Gentleman-usher stood bare all the while he was at dinner or supper. But being discovered, they plotted how to get rid of their coach, for they were afraid that would betray them: and as they rid along the Downs, they saw a hardsome old shepherd, to whom they said: old man, if you please to be merry to night with us, you shall do as we do; so the old man was willing to go with them: So they told him, that he would make him Lord Bishop for that night: So they put on the Bishops habit on the shepherd, and indeed it became him very

ry well: then they instructed him how to behave himself: So they came to the Inn, where in great pomp they supped: Supper being ended, the Bishops servants went to have their Lord to bed: he being in bed, they came down, and told the Host, *That their Lord was fallen very sick, & that he desired a Doctor*; so they enquired for one, and pretended to fetch friends, some to see their Lord, & some for the Doctor, that they left no servants to wait on the Bishop. They had also charged the shepherd not to knock till they came to him the next day; and they caused the people of the house not to go to their Lord till he knock'd for them, and then to carry him a *Candle*: so they conveyed away their Bishops Robes, and left the shepherds coat by his bed-side: so these Lads bid farewell to their shepherd and their coach: and about ten of the clock in the morning the shepherd awaked, *is out of a dream*, and knocked for the people, who brought him up a *Candle*; he asked where were all his men; who answered that some were gone for a Doctor, and some for his friends; he bid the servant go down for his Master; the servant well eving the shepherd, said to his Master: Sir, *The Bishop has a Canvas shirt on as black as the Devil; and there is a pair of shoes stands by the bed, as full of hob-nailes, as the skie is full of stars, and there lies a threeed-bare coat on the bed, but is fit for nothing but to make shoe-clouts*; so the host went up to see his guest, which by this time had dressed himself in his own habit; who when he saw his host, said, *Friend, I have been robbed to night of mine horse, but they left me mine own clothes*: whereat the host began to laugh and say unto the shepherd: *My Lord, if you please to buy you two Coach-horses, I will lend you a Coach and Harness to carry your Honour to the sheepfold*. So the shepherd related all the story to the host; and left them his Coach for the reckoning, and bid them adieu. Not long after Bishop Allen was taken near London, with more of his company, who were all hang'd at *Tiburn*; *Hind* onely escaped to set up his Masters trade: who soon after rob'd a Gentleman near *Barnbury* (being disguised in the habit of a shepherd, with a Pike-staff of 7 foot long in his hand) and furnish'd himself with a horse, money, and cloaths; the manner thus: *Hind* espied a Gentleman coming down a Hill leading his horse in his hand, went whistling the tune of an ordinary *Psalm*, as if he took no notice of the Gentleman; but when he came to the foot of the hill, he inquired the time of the day; *Hind* answer'd him very civilly; but as the Gentleman was getting on his horse, *Hind* hit him such a stroke between the head and the shoulders, that he made him measure his length on the ground, and seized on all that he had, leaving him his old coat and his pike-staff to beat on the hoof as he had done; & gave him 20 s. to bear his charges: But to this day the Gentleman loves not the tune of a *Psalm*.

How Hind served two Bailies and a Vfarer.

Hind riding through a little town in *Warwickshire*, he saw a tumult in the street; so he rid up to them, and desired to know the occasion of the tumult; one told him, *That an honest Inn-keeper was arrested for 20 li. and that the man was undone if he had not some relief speedily*: So Hind asked the man if he would give him any security, if he should pay the debt for him: the poor man being over-joy'd for this unlookt for news, told him, *That he would make over all that he had to him for the security*: so Hind had the Vfarer and the Bailies into the house, demanded the Bond, paid the Vfarer, giving the Bailies their Fees; & sent for a Scrivner to make over the Inn-keepers goods to him; which being done, they departed; Hind being not unmindful to inquire of the Usurers way he was to go, went after him; and said to him, Friend, I lent you 20 li. but I must have it again. The Vfarer said, *You paid me so much money on a Bond*: Hind said, *it is no time to dispute it now*: So he took from the old Vfarer his own 20 li. and 20 li. more which he had got by his usury: So Hind rode back to the Inn, and gave the Host his Writing again, and 5 li. and told him, *That he had got good luck by lending his money to honest men*.

How Hind served a Committee-man, who disguised himself for fear of Robbing.

A Committee-man having occasion to travel from *Warwick* towards *London*, for to buy many Commodities; hearing that there was robbing in that Road, fixed himself with an old gray Coat out at the elbowes, and an old Mare; and boots in stead of stirrups, hanged at a saddle that was not worth three pence, and a bridle of the same price: Now rides he merrily, thinking no High-way-man would set on him: but *Money ill got, will be ill spent*: For he chanced to meet with Hind; who asked what he was; he replied, *that he was an old man going to get relief among his friends*: so Hind gave him a piece in gold, and bid him drink his health, and be merry at his Inn: the old Miser thinking to please Hind, coined two or three great oaths presently, and said, *He would be drunk with drinking his health that night*: So Hind parted from him, and the old man went to his Inn and set up his Mare: then he called for half a pint of Sack, and after the first glass was down, he began to say that he escaped the greatest danger that ever he was in: for, I met with Hind said he, and instead of robbing me, he gave me a piece in gold, and bid me drink his health. but I will see him hanged before I will spend a penny for his sake: Hang him Rogue, he robs all honest men, onely Cavaliers, he lets them go: he put his gold amongst mine own: I would have given ten pound to be rid of him, when first I met him: So after a short supper, he went to bed. Hind came to the Inn, and using to lie there, they told him what the Committee man had said of him. Hind let the old man travel first in the morning: and about an hour after, Hind rides after him, and when he had overtaken him, he asked the old man, if he had drunk his health: J Sir, said he, *I was never so drunk in my life as I was last night: for I drunk the Kings health, the Queens, the Princes, and your health sometimes over*: Hind said unto him, friend, I have found you in many lies, and now I will make you call me Rogue for something: So Hind made him

him unty his greasy snap-sack, where he found 50*l.* in gold, and his own piece besides. So the Committee-man to cheer up himself, resolved to borrow of the State so much money, before he went another Journey.

How Hind borrowed money of a poor man, and paid it him double, at a time and place appointed.

HInd being deceived of such prizes as he thought most sure of: had spent all the money he had with him: so betimes in the morning he waited an opportunity to furnish himself, as people were going to a Fair; and meeting with a poor man going to buy a Cow at the Fair. Hind bid him stand and deliver such money he had: The poor man did pull out of his pocket a handkerchief, wherein was four pound: the poor man wept to Hind, and told him, *it was all that he had in the world, and that he was undone if he took it away*: Hind told him he should not lose one penny by him; but that he would double his money: and appointed to meet him at a Village near to the place where the poor man dwelt: so Hind did take but three pound from the poor man, and went his way; then the poor man went to the Fair among his neighbours, who asked him the occasion of his melancholly; he answered, *That the Market was dear, therefore he would stay till the next Fair*: so he went home making no body acquainted with what had happened to him: But when the day came that he should meet Hind, who had altered his name to the poor man, he went and enquired for such a Gentleman at the place appointed, who was directed by the man of the house to his Chamber: Hind presently entertained him well, and gave him six pound to buy him two Cows; so the poor man thanked him, and told him that if he had never paid him, he would never have disclosed: So Hind seeing him simply honest and true hearted, gave him 5*l.* shillings more, and bid him pray for James Hinde, and so sent him away.

How Hind Robbed a Gentleman in Hyde Park, neatly of an hundred pound.

HInd being well horsed, went into Hyde Park to see a Race; but riding by the Coaches, spies a bag of money lying by a Gentleman, to whom Hind used some Discourse; but a Race beginning, the Gentleman caused his Coach to stand still; that he might judge which horse ran best: Hinds head being not idle how to get this money; the time being now or never; rode by the Coach and takes the bag in his hand, and rides the way of the Park towards Tiburn: The Gentleman cries out I am robbed, I am robbed, so some Gentlemen rid after him, but in vain; for his horse leapt the pale into the Road, where he staid, till the Gentlemen came to the gate, but their horses being unwilling to leap such places, were forced to stay: Hind said, *Gentlemen, I will refer it to you all, if I have not won the wager*; so he bid them farewell.

How Hind served a Gentleman where he was, and put a trick upon him handsomely.

HInd being pursued hard, after he had done a Robbery, was forced to leap his horse over a hedge, where there was a foot-way went to a private Gentleman's house: so he quickly leste the Road, that he feared no danger; then he knocked at the door and desired to speak with the Master of the house; the Gentleman came and desired his will: Sir, said Hind, *I am a Gentleman straid out of my way, and was pursued by thieves; and so I shall desire you give me entertainment for this night*: the Gentleman desired Hind to alight, and caused his horse to be set up: Hind gave the Gentlemans Servant five shillings and desired him to be careful

of the horse: the Gentleman having brought *Hind* into his Parlor, made him welcome: So after supper, *Hind* would see his horse, so the Gentleman went with him into the Stable: Sir, said the Gentleman, I have such a fancy to your horse, that I will give you any money for him, and another horse to boot: Sir, said *Hind*, to-morrow we will make a bargain: So they went to bed, and in the morning *Hind* and the Gentleman were bargaining for his horse; *Hind* bid the Gentlemans servant ride the horse before them: Upon this, the Gentleman gave *Hind* fifty pound and another horse worth twenty pound. So *Hind* desired the Gentlemen that he might shew him some tricks on his horse; *Hind* presently leapt on the horse, and shewed him sport: So he seeing his opportunity, leapt over a gate into a way that led to a Town; but he returned and called the Gentleman, and gave him his fifty pound again; and said, Sir, You have entertained me civilly, therefore I were unworthy if I should have carried your money with me: So giving the Gentleman a word to pass all High men of his Gang, bid him farewell, *How he neatly rob'd a Parson of forty pound in Gold, which he had hid in the Coller of his Dublet, after he was rob'd of all his silver, the day before.*

A Person riding from Coventrey towards London, by some party Thieves was robbed of his silver: *Hind* overtook the Parson, and asked him which way he rid; the Parson told him that he did intend for London. Sir, said the Parson, I was rob'd of all my silver to day, and so was I, said *Hind*, but I hid my Gold in my Boots: Nay, I believe that mine is as safe, said the Parson; for I have quilted it in the Coller of my Dublet: *Hind* was not a little glad, when he heard where his money lay: so being near their Inn, they slept together, and went to bed; in the morning the Parson calls *Hind* up, and told him that he would be glad of his Company: so they rid together. *Hind* asked the Parson, if he could guess what trade he was, no said the Parson, then said *Hind*, I am a Cutter, for I must cut the Coller of your Dublet off, before I shall come to your money: Having so done, he left the Parson forty pound lighter then he found him.

Hind's voyage into Holland, and his return: and how he cheated a Dutchman of two hundred pounds.

HIND having done so many Robberies, he was constrained to leave England, and to go for Holland: he being among Marchants there, desired them to give him a Bill of Exchange for two hundred pound, one of the Marchants appointed him to come to a Tavern, where he would receive the money, and give him a letter of advice, and a Bill of Exchange. So *Hind* payd the Marchant 200 l. and the Marchant gave him a Bill of Exchange, and a Letter of advice to a Marchant in London, to pay the money upon sight: so *Hind* plyed *Huance* with wine, till he made him take a nap; and then he took his money from him, and left him to pay the Reckoning, and slept himself that night for England, where he received 200 l. upon sight of his Bill. Thus you see *Hind* having no priviledge to rob in Holland, found a trick to cheat the Dutchman

How Hind reb'd a Gentleman of 20 l. that was desirous to give twenty pounds to see him.

HIND overtook a Gentleman as he rid on the Road and they fell in discourse, so the Gentleman was saying, That he would give 20 l. to see *Hind*; but as they were riding, the Gentleman fancied *Hinds* horse: Sir, said the Gentleman, what

What money shall I give you to change horses with mee, 40 l. said *Hind*, I will give you 30 in Gold said the Gentleman: So *Hind* said, Sir, ride him; so the Gentleman gave him 30l. in Gold, and his horse; but as they rid along, there was a ditch, Sir, said *Hind*, leap him over this Ditch, I cannot said the Gentleman, *Hind* desired the Gentleman to alight, so he got on his own Horse, and leapt over the Ditch; and when he was on the other side, he said, Sir, You would give 30l. to see *Hind*, now you have seen him: but the other 10l. was for riding my Horse; so now I think you have seen enough of him for one time. So bid him farewell.

How Hind handsomely escaped from Country-men, when they had beset him whilest he was at dinner in an Inn.

Hind was at dinner in an Inn, and was discovered by a servant of the house to some neighbours, that he was there; so there was a tumult gathered about the house, when *Hind* understood their intention he came down stairs, and said to the Country men, *Gentlemen have a care, for Hind stands with his pistol cockt, and his sword drawn*; so the people retired to the Street door; in the mean time he went to the stable and to his horse and went out at the Inn gate, and said to the common people, *Will you stay for me* said they, *We stay to take Hind*: said *Hind*; *If you stay till he is taken, you may see Dick Deomjidy in the afternoon*: and so rode his way.

How Hind, abbed a Captain of a Troop of Horse.

Hind riding somewhat hard, overtook a Captain which was riding to his Troop; who desired *Hind* to bear him company to his quarters: so as they rid, the Captain had a great fancy to buy *Hind's* Mare of him; and to ease his mind, said, Sir, *If you will sell your Mare, I will give you any money for her, and a good horse to boot*: *Hind* being not stupid, said, Sir, *if you will give me sixty pounds, and the horse you ride only I shall have my Mare*; she is the fleetest Mare in England: Sir, said the Captain, *That is too much for her*; but rather than I will leave her, you shall have my horse and 50 pounds: so they agreed to ride each others horse a little way; but the Captain overtaking his troop caused them to stand till he came back; so he rode on *Hind's* Mare from the place where the troop staid, about a quarter of a mile, and onely *Hind* to bear him company: so *Hind* alighted, and gave the Captain his horse, and received his Mare again; then said *Hind*, *let me see what money you will give me to boot for so exchange*: the Captain willing to have his Mare, pulled out of his pocket a Purse, wherein was 160 l. in Gold: *Hind* seeing this, drew a privat pistol, and set it to the Captains breast, and caused him to deliver his money: so *Hind* having his Gold, bid him adieu: and the Captain went alone to his troop, which might have had a guard; but now he rides more guarded then he regarded: For it is with him, as with the old Proverb; *When the steed is stoln, first the stable door*.

How Hind escaped taking at Oxford, coming thither in the disguise of a Schollars gown.

Hind having conversation with a schollar of *Maudlen Colledge in Oxford*: leaving his horse half a mile out of the town, went to see his friend, and put on a gown like a schollar: and now he walks to Oxford, where he meets a Country fellow, who for all his disguise know him, and told the Guard that there was *Hind*; the souldiers presently seized on him, and began to pull him: *Gentlemen*, said he, *I am very like the man you speak of, but I am a schollar here*: the souldiers seeing his hair short, and in civil habit, did forbear to pierce on him too much: *Hind* when he had liberty, said, *Gentlemen, I have many friends in town, and you would do me much discredit: here is 20 s. for you to drink, and let no people follow me*; and so he went into a house to drink, having onely two souldiers to attend him: where he feigned himself very hungry, and gave the souldiers good drink and good meat, and 20 s. a piece, but he making an excuse to ungrass a point, left his Gown on the table; but he staid not long, but leapt over a pale, and went the back way out of the town, and left his gown and the souldiers to pay a saucie reckoning.

All that can be said of him that was good, is, *That he was charitable to the poor; and was a man that never murdered any on the Road; and always gave men a jest for their money: Therefore of the Knave, the honestest of the Pack*. He was a man but of mean stature; his carriage before people was civil; his countenance smiling, good language; civilly clothed; no great spender or ranter in taverns,

Many of his actions favoured of Gallantry;
More of Wit, but least of Honesty.